TALK OF MARRIAGE.

For the Cirl. Apparently. I simple enough, to say the the conversation turned on this subject.

opress a determination to enter

If the first woman he asks refuses him, he has only to ask a second or perhaps a third or fourth. It would be safe to guarantee that within a month any man of fairly respectable life and position and appearance who cared to forks of the road. make the experiment could marry in his own class, could marry probably a trick. woman much superior to himself.

But what about the girl who intends better than the man's, probably-averwhom she will, but is she? If she re- him to go back and get the money. ceives one distinct offer of marriage, she has had more than her share, according to the probable average.

upon English women.-Nineteenth Cen- miles farther on to his house.

Stones do not form part of the recognized diet of the cormorant, but one tired at about 10 o'clock. et up. He was picked up, stones were heard rattling

nione all right, the wound | there's the dog now billi. As a consequence of opening up understand it himself.

them through again before serving them to patrons. This branch of the restaurant bustness has reached such oking for such places has become an established business, and owners of ovens thrive at it.-New York Sun.

The Squirrel Hunter's Weapon.

The cream of squirrel hunting is en joyed by the man who uses a light rifle of small caliber and medium power. The ".22 long" as now turned out by wenpon-in fact, the best in the world for the purpose. Though not of sufficient range to be dangerous to people known that a squirrel's head at a range to their churches.-New York World. of 40 or 50 yards is no easy mark. If a reader doubts this, let him go to the woods for a day, keep all empty shells, to make the dead squirrels and the empty shells tally.- E. W. Sandys in

The green finch is the earliest riser. It pipes as early as talf past 1 in the the blackbird appears. It is heard had same length of thue before that of the wren. The house sparrow and the tomtit take the last stage of the list.

the rental of piers to the Cunard, the White Stor, the American, the Atlantic Transport, the French, the Leyland, tid'y dat I was black as de ace of the National and other lines is nearly spades \$1,000,000 annually. The White Star the Cunaro line is next with \$120,000 was black as de deuce,-Catholic and the American line third with \$88,- Standard and Times.

THE TALE OF A DOG.

A TRUTHFUL NARRATIVE OF CANINE TENACITY AND SAGACITY.

As the Story of the Fent Was Related by a Preacher Who Was a Party to the Incident No Farther Testimony

about one of the best story tellers in pyramids and which has flourished Tennessee, and his repertotre includes a lot of good ones, fish and otherwise he tells one which he always prefixes with the statement that it was told him by a minister of the gospel, Dr. Bardthe older inhabitants as the assistant of Dr. Edgar of revered memory, who was pastor of the First Presbyterlan church during the latter years of General Andrew Jackson's life and attend-It Is Proper For the Man, but Not | ed the old hero in his last illness. The

story teller said: "Dr. Bardwell used to visit my fa conditions story I am about to tell you was relatpossible or advisable, ed to me on the occasion of one of thes smoking one evening after supper. The ld be witty remarks. But doctor was fond of dogs and was t pretty good sportsman and naturally banjo accompaniments.

"'Speaking of dogs,' said Dr. Bardoty cae knows that she would well, 'reminds me of a dog which be prompily succeed out of counte- longed to a friend of mine in Mississippi. I had been invited to hold services and wrote him to meet me at the stathe Saturday afternoon before Sunday, the banjo the day of the appointment.

"He was on time with horses, and the "cheapness" to which reference has very handsome bird dog followed us, mad. Charles E. Dobson issued a and, having heard that some one in that neighborhood owned an especially to compete with him in picking for a well trained trick dog, I asked my \$600 gold medal." Steinway hall was friend about it.

""That's the dog," at the same time ahead of us and was waiting at the

" 'I asked him to make him perform He got down from his horse, called the dog and, taking out his pocketbook, held it to the dog's nose. He to marry "some day?" Is she not in a then took out a silver half dollar and, very different position from the man? | walking some distance into the woods, Here is a girl of good character-much | raised up a large rock and put the money under it. We then resumed our jourage intelligence, average good looks. ney, and when probably half a mile jo now? Theoretically she is free to marry away my friend called his dog and told

" 'The dog, without the least hesita tion, started back on a run, and, my friend explained, as the rock was heavy The fact that by an unwritten law a the dog would be unable to turn it woman must not take, and, indeed, does over, so would have to scratch under it not want to take, the initiative has very to reach the piece of money, and he era and even the bicycle itself die out little to do with the extremely limited would not probably get home before we utterly before the banjo. choice which modern conditions impose reached there, it then being about three

"'However, when we reached home the dog was not there. We ate supper and still the dog did not come, nor had he put in an appearance when we re

"'The next morning we got up about daylight, and, hearing a noise outside, my friend opened the door, and the dog rushed in dragging with him a pair of was attracted to the bird pantaloons, which he dropped on the

"'Of course we were both mystified, but had not long to wait an explanainside of him. An official connected tion, for shortly afterward a man who with the park decided that something lived several miles from my friend's must be done, and he promptly cut the house rode up on a mule and inquired brary. It was moved from place to pen and relieved him of his if a dog with a pair of pantaloons in e of the stones, of irregular his mouth had come into the house was 30 inches leng. The in-was seved up, and for five days the porch, and the man said, "Why, sion telegraphed to Andrew Carnegie, coming he jumped from his horse an

" My friend told his caller that the

The man said that late in the after- attle's population all scratching under a large rock near the probably be gradually crowded out of bit, stopped and lifted the rock up, and, \$250,000 building. Will guarantee an-

> the dog followed him home. The dog I will provide."-World's Work, appeared to be friendly, and the man At night when the family retired the

he got up and opened the window, and | grade. out of the window, fled.

"'Hearing this story, my friend got the pantaleous and on searching the had hid under the rock the afternoon four years' course in one. before."-Nashville Banner.

Life Insurance.
It is an interesting fact that, whatever the reason may be, life insurance is much more popular in the United States than in any other country. In proportion to their numbers the American people carry twice as much life insurance as the Britishers, five times as much as the Germans and eight

times as much as the French. This is partly explained by the large serve other purposes than mere provi-sion for the families of the insured The scope of what may be called busior stock at a distance, it throws lead ness as distinguished from family inwith surprising accuracy to the tops of the tallest trees. Good rifle shots allel and interesting recent development ways aim for the squirrel's head both of it is the insurance of the lives of to add to the difficulty of the sport and Protestant ministers for large sums to avoid spoiling ment. And be it which are made payable at their deaths

Where They Agreed.

At the silver wedding of the Prince and at the end of the day let him try and Princess of Wales an English town wished to present an address, but there was a great discussion as to its wordsally condemned, but when some one proposed "Conscious as we are of each small girl wears a white apron and a girls, and I didn't want her to feel proposed "Conscious as we are of each

> The emblem of the New York City History club is the industrious little beaver, typical of the sturdy ancestors, surrounded by a circle. This beaver was part of the ancient seal of New Amsterdam.

Sam Cole-Miss Yallerby done treat me scan'lous. She done tole me yes

Jim Crow-Dat's on'y half as bad as line pays the largest rental, \$217,000; what she sez bout me. She tole me I

THE DAY OF THE BANJO.

Dobson, the Veteran Player Teacher, Says It Is Over. In commenting upon filing a petition in bankruptcy recently George C. Dobson, the veteran banjo teacher, declared that the day of the banjo was done. The bicycle, golf and the camera, he said, had proved too strong a combination for the instrument whose plunkety plunks have endured since the

wherever man has lived. When in 1848 at the Bowery theater Joe Sweeney, the minstrel, introduced it to the New York public, it aroused bot languid interest. It was "a nigger men, ament," and the abolitionists were not in the majority at that time. It was at this concert that Sweeney added the little or E string, an idea of his own. The next serious attempt to bring it before the public was in 1858, when the three Dobsons gave a series of concerts at Barnum's museum

when Charles E. Dobson, Sr., a member of the orchestra in Wallack's theaunite feture time. ther's house when I was a boy, and the ter, during the entractes performed a number of banjo solos. The fashionwar added to its vogue with northern sympathizers, and no soldiers' festival or hospital fair was complete without

> After the war it languished until 1878, when the addition of frets by the elder Dobson gave to its musical capabilities a much wider range. Violinists and planists saw its capabilities and at a church near this friend's house its danger to them professionally and, as a concession to it, interspersed their own performances with imitations of

> In 1883 the craze was at its height. Tournaments were held throughout the we started to his home. I noticed that a country, and the people seemed banjo "challenge to any player in the world packed to its doors to see him defeat eight candidates, with the redoubtable pointing at his dog, which had run Horace Weston at their head, and the next day the papers gave the performance columns.

With the original Spanish Students who appeared at Booth's theate came the mandolin, and its tremulous tinkle marked the first jangle of the banjo's deathknell. The Students made a tour through the country, and the first wedge to knock out the banjo had been driven in. And, alas, where is the ban-

The career of George Dobson as a how they felt at first sight of them, banjo player is full of pathos, for it is they will perhaps understand our senthe general history of the rise and fall sations that day in the pine woods. of a very picturesque instrument, if not sociations or in its suggestion. Yet we should expect to see golf and the cam-

You couldn't pack a Broadwood half a mile;
You mustn't leave a fiddle in the damp;
You couldn't raft an organ up the Nile
And play it in an equatorial swamp.
I travel with the cooking pots and pails;
I'm sandwiched 'tween the coffee and the pork,
And when the dusty column checks and tails
You should hear me spur the regiment to a
walk!

With my "Pilly-willy-winky-winky popp!"
(Oh, it's any tune that comes into my head)!
So I keep 'em moving forward till they drop;
So I play 'em up to water and to bed. Thus it speaks through Kipling.

Starting in a small way 15 years age. Seattle began building up a public liplace as it grew until on the night of answered; "Atlanta has more popula- for fear of being run over. Mr. W. noon the day before he found the dog readers. Actual revenue for 1900, \$30,-000. Home circulation 1900, over 150,-

to his surprise, found a half dollar on | nual maintenance of \$50,000." Mr. Car- to its fate, but when the train appeare he underside.

"He put the money in his pocket, and You may build to cost \$200,000, which The first roudbeds were formed.

A little Russian girl named Typs dog was put on the outside, but he Helman became a pupil in the Wells kept up such a racket that no one could | Grammar school of Boston last autumn. sleep on the piace, and when the man She did not know a word of English, opened the door to drive the dog off he but she could speak a little French and ent day. The honor of this invention rushed into his bedroom and at once Spanish and her own native tongue was contested between John Hartman scame very quiet, lying down near fluently. She was placed in the lowest of Scottsville, Va. and John William the foot of the bed, where he slept all grade in the school, but in a few weeks an engineer of Ohio, but it did no ght.
"Early in the morning, the man said, probably gain more in the next higher wheels were constantly bouncing out of the instant he did so the dog seized his principal advanced her to the highest gave place to solid dirt embankments pantaloons in his mouth and, jumping class in the school. When it came time for the last examination and the di- for the wooden groove. But the grad-The man followed as soon as he ploma list was made out, the name of ing was very imperfect and uneven this little girl, who entered the Wells which made riding on one of thes school in the fall in the lowest grade, primitive ratiroads like going over was among the list of graduates, and pockets found the half dollar which he with honors too. Thus she made the

Hymns Up to Date. An old gentleman of 82 whose occasionally cynical speeches are always

tinged with good humor was asked his opinion of modern church music. "It's all very fine," he said dryly, "and I like to hear it, but there's one thing I've noticed. It may be just chance, but I've noticed it a good many

"When I was a boy, the people went to two services a day and sometimes three, and they sat on hard seats and sang with all their hearts:

"My God, the spring of all my joys. "Now the congregation lean com-fortably back in softly cushioned pews and listen to the choir singing:

"Art thou weary, art thou languid? "I may be mistaken, but it comes home to me every now and then that hymnology is changing to suit the times."-Youth's Companion.

A Baby Choir. Grace church, New York, boasts of

the youngest choir singers in the world. Every Sunday afternoon a chorus of baby girls takes part in the serving. For some time they could not agree at all. "Conscious as we are of are only 4 years old-hardly able to our own unworthiness" was univer | walk-and yet they chant in perfect | was afraid she would get to comparing other's unworthiness" it was agreed to closely fitting baby cap, and they are a slighted."-Washington Star. Dicturesque lot.

THERAILROADSCARE

ODD EFFECTS OF THE FIRST SIGHT OF A LOCOMOTIVE.

some of the People of the South Hid Behind Trees In 1833, When the Iron Horse Went By-The Country's Earliest Railroad.

America cannot lay claim to the first locomotive or the first railroad. That great honor lies with England. Yet Yankee genius was not very far behind her, for, when George Stephenson ter road in 1829, the first spike had been driven on the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, July 4, 1828, by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence This was the first road started in the United States, and in 1830 it had reach ed Ellicott Mills, 13 miles from Balti

But the south can claim the honor of completing the longest raffrond in the world at that date, being the old Charleston and Hamburg road, now a part of the South Carolina and Georgia system, which was begun in 1830, and by October, 1833, it had 137 miles of track in operation. In a letter from Mr. Samuel C. Clarke of Georgia, a kinsman of the writer, who attained the extreme age of 91 years and wh had seen the beginning and the compltion of this road, he thus gives his ex perience upon first sight of a locom-

"One day while going down Charleston with a party of gentleme to attend the races as we approaches the city we saw in the distance the new railroad, finished some 10 or 1; miles out of Charleston. It was built upon piles, longer or short, according to the nature of the ground. Sometimes in crossing a ravine the rails were 20 feet from the surface. Our track ran near this elevated road, and soon a horrid shrick as from 20 panthers was heard in the woods. By this time we were nervous. Elephants and lions we had heard of, and some of us had seen them, but what monster was this whose screams we heard? Presently it came in sight, flying aloft through the air and breathing fire and smoke, and our frightened steeds became unmanageable, and in fact I think that some of our party were as badly frightened as their horses. If any of my readers are old enough to remember the introduction of locomotives and

sations that day in the pine woods, "A mile or two farther on we came delightful in itself delightful in its as- to a broken wagon by the side of the road, and near it sat a Georgia cracker smoking his pipe. On being asked what was his trouble he replied, Well, stranger. I've often hearn tell of nullistranger, I've often hearn tell of nullification, and now I reckon I've saw it

It is somewhat amusing now to read of the superstitious dread with which the inhabitants looked upon the building of these first railroads. Some thought the smoke of the continual passing trains would cause a pestilence or destroy all the crops along the road. Others were afraid to ride on the cars for fear of having their breath taken away, and the people in the cities objected to the railroad being built because they feared the smoke from the engines would soil the clothes which

were hung out to dry. Many are yet living who looked upor with awe and trepidation. Mr. Nat Mc Jan. 1, 1901, it was destroyed by fire. Gee of Lyr. Albemarie, tells a joke upon They asked for \$200,000. Mr. Carnegie got behind a tree, where he viewed t My friend too his caner that the the connectant grew restive and dog had really brought a pair of pantapulled out the stitches with his hooked loons home with him, but he did not bill. As a consequence of opening up understand it himself.

My friend too his caner that the answered. Atlanta, as hot produce the produce to Richmond, when he reached Atlanta, 37 per cent; Seattle, 88. SeGordonville heard the whistle and terroad and, thinking he was after a rab- 000 volumes. Will need in five years fence and ran across the field to a safe

vated railroads in the cities of the pre This was repeated until the the groove, and the piles soon after and strap iron ralls were substituted corduroy road in a springless wagon. with the cars bouncing over these windows,-Richmond Dispatch.

> Do Carpets Shorten Life! Just think what a horrible receptacle of unclean things the carpet is in the

zich English or French house! Where there are carpets, people should on er tering be given slippers, as in the Netherlands, or the footbath, as at a Turkish mosque. Making servants sweep carpets is another proof that evil is wrought for want of thought. Flou rens attributed the prevalence of lung and throat diseases in England to carpeted rooms.-London Truth.

Art Dealer-Yes, that was painted by one of the old masters. But, I beg your pardon, sir, you must not touch it with Old Mr. Hardplayer-What's the matter? Isn't it dry yet?

Unselfish.
"So you proposed to Miss Chillers?"
"Yes," answered Willie Washington. "You must have known she would

"Of course. But it is an old saying that women can't keep a secret, and I

An Outrage.

Mrs. Jones—Are you aware, Mrs. Skinbone, that your dog has just bitten my little Willie?

Mrs. Skinbone—What, your Willie, who has only just got over scariet fever? Oh, Mrs. Jones, if anything should happen to Fido I'd never forgive you.

An Indigestible Man.

Kitty—But he is such an indigestible man.

Jane—Indigestible?

Kitty—Yes; he always disagrees with me.—Letroit Free Press.

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